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German Patent No. 689 15 713

The aforementioned reference was cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. It is also the German part of EP 0 372 828 B1 which is referred to in the International Search Report. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

No action has issued in the above-identified application therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at this time under 37 CFR §1.97(b).

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